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FOR: ANALYSIS OF SACCHARIDE VACCINES WITHOUT
INTERFERENCE

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2010 for the above-referenced patent application. An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-13 and 17-21), drawn to a process for analyzing saccharide content of a composition of *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups, a method for releasing a vaccine for use by a physician, a computer apparatus adapted to perform the process and a computer program for analyzing the saccharide content of the composition, for examination.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other